

Submitter: Umatilla County Commissioner John Shafer

Committee: House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade Measure,
Appointment or Topic: HB 2527

Greetings Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Diehl, Vice-Chair Isadore, and Committee members:

My name is John Shafer. I am a Umatilla County Commissioner, and the President of the Association of Oregon Counties. I am writing to you today to offer my strong support of HB 2527. Union County is my neighbor to the east. They also host a 4-H, and FFA Stock Show every year. Each and every year this show is held, several of the youth from Umatilla County show animals there. As you know by now, Union County is the only county in the state that does not have running water on their fairgrounds. This causes me great concern as not only do the youth from my county show there, but youth from the entire region are there year in and year out.

These fairgrounds also serve as a point of relief to those in need in case of a catastrophic event. Again, some of my constituents would find shelter there as well. Imagine not being able to return to your home due to a natural disaster only to be directed to a place of shelter that has no running water. I can not stress enough the importance of having clean running water in times such as these.

I respectfully ask for your full support of HB 2527.

Thank you,

Commissioner John Shafer,

Umatilla County